MARYLAND Department of Health

Maryland SHIP Health Action Newsletter

Friday, Nov. 23, 2018

Event: Population Health Summit

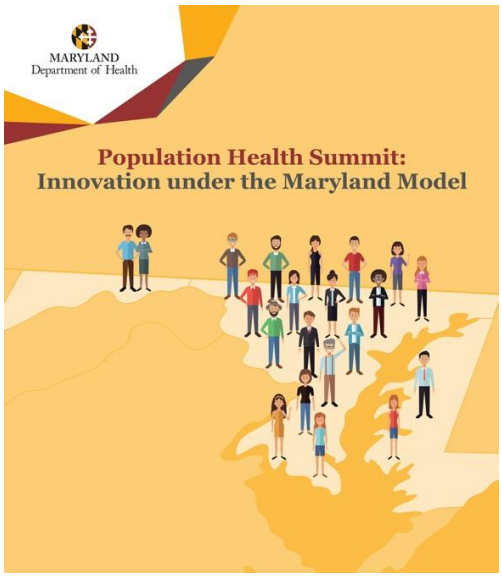

Image: The Population Health Summit logo. Illustration of different people standing across a map of Maryland. Text reads, "Maryland Department of Health. Population Health Summit: Innovation under the Maryland Model."

Tuesday, Dec. 4

As part of Health Equity Week in Maryland, the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation will soon host the "*Population Health Summit: Innovations Under the Maryland Model.*" This summit will focus on exploring the opportunities under the innovative Maryland Model to improve population health. The Population Health Summit will include speakers from across Maryland and allow participants to weigh in on the future of health care in Maryland.

If you are unable to attend in person, the general sessions of the summit will be live-streamed.

For more information and to request to register for this event, click here. Learn more about the Maryland Model here.

Event: 15th Annual Health Equity Conference

Image: The Maryland Department of Health Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities logo.

Thursday, Dec. 6

As part of Health Equity Week in Maryland, registration is now open for MDH's Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities' 15th Annual Health Equity Conference. This year's theme will be, "*Achieving Health Equity and Disparity Reduction: Prevention and Cost Savings Initiatives.*" Attendees will learn about:

- Innovative health care delivery initiatives in Maryland
- Current local and national efforts addressing chronic disease prevention and management
- Key tools and resources to strengthen community-clinical linkages

Continuing education credits may be available. Registration closes on Friday, Nov. 30.

For more information and to register for this conference, click here.

Webinar: The Health Impact of Loneliness

Image: Photograph of an older man sitting alone on a park bench.

Monday, Oct. 15

The National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) Foundation recently hosted a webinar to examine the health impacts of — and differences between — loneliness and social isolation. Speakers noted the link between loneliness and chronic disease risk. Approaches to connect lonely or isolated individuals with appropriate resources were also discussed.

Watch the recorded webinar here.

Resource: Public Service Announcement on Palliative Care

Image: The Maryland Cancer Collaborative logo.

The Maryland Cancer Collaborative (MCC) has released a public service announcement (PSA) to raise awareness about the importance of palliative care. The PSA illustrates how cancer patients, and others with serious illness, can benefit from palliative care. Palliative care is a specialized medical care for people with serious illness. It promotes quality of life by preventing, treating, and relieving pain and suffering, and is appropriate for people of all ages at all stages of an illness.

To read the full press release, click here. Learn more about palliative care resources here. View the PSA below:

Resource: American Health Podcast

Image: Photograph of a man wearing headphones.

The American Health Podcast is created by the Bloomberg American Health Initiative, a project of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. The Initiative works to tackle some of the most pressing challenges to public health in the United States, including:

- Addiction and overdose
- Environmental challenges
- Obesity and the food system
- Risks to adolescent health and violence

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